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Executive Director's WELCOME

Greetings:



Welcome to the first installment of the Missouri Workforce Investment Board's e-newsletter. The MoWIB staff aims to keep Board members and those impacted by the Board connected and informed. The included information was submitted by state agencies, local workforce investment boards and MERIC to ensure that MoWIB has access to recent workforce trends, events and data. We hope you enjoy our first effort and we welcome future submissions!

Best Regards,

Nia V. Ray

Governor Nixon Releases Automotive Jobs Task Force Report

September 9, 2009

Governor Jay Nixon released the *Missouri Automotive Jobs Task Force Report* during his recent visit to the Claycomo Ford Motor Plant. The task force, established to spark new and continued auto industry investment, submitted the following five general recommendations to the Governor:

- **Create an environment** - as experienced by businesses and consumers - that is supportive of new technological developments and encourages consumption of new automotive technologies, including "green" or environmentally friendly automobiles;
- **Enhance the resources** dedicated to providing

Missouri's auto-related workers - past, present and future - with the "hard" and "soft" skills required by the evolving global industry;

- **Provide access to** resources that assist automotive companies statewide in growing or diversifying their sales, upgrading their technological capabilities, and increasing their long-term viability;
- **Evaluate and enhance** the state's economic incentives toolbox to increase its competitiveness for new automotive investment; and



- **Coordinate and focus** efforts on identifying reuse opportunities for vacant automotive and supplier facilities

The 27-page report outlines specific recommendations in each of these categories. You can view the press release and Full Report here: [Missouri Automotive Jobs Task Force Press Release](#)

What's happening in

→ **DED** (Department of Economic Development)

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- ❖ [Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month: 9/15 thru 10/15](#)
- ❖ [Foreclosures Fall 33 Percent in Missouri](#)
- ❖ [Missouri's Hot Jobs](#)
- ❖ [Regional Outlook 2016](#)
- ❖ [Total Occupational Openings, 2008-2010](#)
- ❖ [Fastest Growing Occupations, 2008-2010](#)
- ❖ [OPIC to Hold Minority and Women-owned Business Workshop in St. Louis - 10/22](#)
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→ **DESE** (Department of Secondary and Elementary Education)

- ❖ **The MO Legislature passed legislation** in 2009 requiring all Missouri school districts to develop "standards for teaching" by June 30, 2010. DESE invites comment about the draft of *Missouri Teaching Standards*, a document intended to assist public schools in developing the required standards.

You can find the draft document at:
<http://www.dese.mo.gov/divteachqual/>

→ **DOLIR** (Department of Labor and Industrial Relations)

- ❖ **The Missouri Labor Department's Division of Employment Security's** (DES's) ongoing investigations resulted in 14 individuals pleading guilty to charges for fraudulently receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits from the state. The individuals were charged with stealing by deceit and have been ordered to pay more than \$55,800 in restitution.
- ❖ **The Missouri Labor Department received notice** from the United States Department of Labor that unemployment modernization legislation passed this year will not qualify the state to receive \$133 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act incentive payments for Missouri's unemployment system.

For additional information: [click here](#)
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→ **DWD** (Department of Workforce Development)

- ❖ **DWD completed and submitted the Annual Performance Report** to the U.S. Dept. of Labor. The report was e-mailed to MoWIB members on 9/23/09 for comment.
- ❖ **The State Workforce Plan** was approved by the U.S. Department of Labor September 21, 2009.
- ❖ **Missouri's Next-Generation Jobs Team** program concluded on Sept. 30, 2009. NGJT prepared over 7,800 young Missourians to compete for and excel in the high-tech, high-paying careers of the 21st century.

→ **CWIB** (Central Workforce Investment Board)

- ❖ **CWIB has a new website**, which you can find at: <http://cwib.us>
- ❖ **CWIB welcomes two new board members:**

Nancy Montgomery, Phelps County
Melinda Macker, Laclede County



→ **NEMOWIB** (Northeast Workforce Investment Board)

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- ❖ **The 8th Tri-State Development Summit** will be held October 12, 2009 in Fairfield, IA at the Fairfield Arts and Convention Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For additional information please visit: www.tristateofmind.org
- ❖ **State of the Region Report** can be found at: www.nemowib.org
- ❖ **The Northeast WIB has identified 7 key issues** as priorities for the Region. The Board is focusing on strategic objectives tied to Marketing, Resources, Research & Measurement, Strategic Partnerships, Board Development & Ownership, Education, & Education Reform. To view the full report, visit the website: www.nemowib.org/

→ NW WIB (Northwest Workforce Investment Board)

- ❖ **High-Tech/High-Touch Literacy Project**—the NW WIB/North Central MO College (NCMC) operates the Adult Education and Literacy programs in 9 of our 18 counties. The High-Tech/High-touch Literacy Project will allow adult learners to transition into traditional AEL (Adult Education Literacy) classes to prepare for GED attainment that will increase their earning ability and provide them with the opportunity to pursue post secondary education.
- ❖ **Alternative Energy Program**—NCMC has partnered with Crowder College, Neosho and their MO Alternative and Renewable Energy Technology (MARET) Center to share ideas and curriculum. NCMC is the first community college to partner with another community college to offer training for alternative energy in MO. The ultimate goal is to expand from a wind turbine technician certificate/degree program to include bio-fuel and solar energy programs at NCMC in the future.
- ❖ For additional information on NW WIB/NCMC initiatives you may contact: *Lisa Hostetler*, Workforce Development Manager, NW WIB/NCMC, 660/359-3622 Ext. 15, Lhostetler@mail.ncmissouri.edu

- ❖ **Introduction to Bio-Manufacturing Program**—Western Institute of MO Western State University (MWSU) and Hillyard Technical Center in St. Joseph have received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA) funds from the NW WIB to address the need for well-educated and highly skilled employees in the life sciences industries in NW MO. NWMSU and Hillyard, in partnership with regional industries, have adapted curriculum developed by KU (through funding provided by One-KC WIRED) to train/re-train displaced workers by implementing a four-week (150 hour) introduction to Bio-Manufacturing Program.

The curriculum will train workers in Federal Drug Administration/US Dept. of Agriculture regulated life science and animal health industries. This program will provide job applicants and incumbent workers an opportunity to receive a certificate of program completion; a 10-hour OSHA General Industry Safety Training Certificate; and a WorkKeys Career Readiness Certificate—all of which are recognized by biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies.

→ SE WIB (Southeast Workforce Investment Board)

- ❖ **The NGJT summer program** matched a total of 530 youth with summer jobs. A total of 234 employers played a part in the success in the NGJT. Thirty-two of those employers hired 40 youth from the program for permanent positions.

→ SW MO WIB (Southwest Region Workforce Investment Board)

- ❖ **The SW MO WIB** was a key player in the upcoming E-Conference at Crowder College in Neosho, MO September 25-26. In addition to sponsorship, the WIB made a presentation on Green Jobs. For more on the conference visit: <http://econference.crowder.edu/>

→ St. Louis City/St. Louis Agency on Training and Employment (SLATE)

- ❖ **The State of St. Louis Workforce Report 2009** is now available. Visit the website to learn more: http://www.missourieconomy.org/pdfs/state_of_stl_report_2009.pdf

→ St. Louis County Workforce Investment Board

- ❖ **The St. Louis County WIB's** workshop entitled *Missouri, St. Louis County's Next Generation Jobs Team* has been selected by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals (NAWDP) to be part of the 2009 Youth Symposium in Chicago, IL on December 7-9.

→ Special Recognition(s):

- ❖ **The Labor Department's On-Site Safety and Health Consultation Program** announced that Thermal Engineering International (USA), Inc. in Joplin, and National Home Products of Springfield, Inc. earned the distinction of being named members of Missouri's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) for its excellent workplace safety record.

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Got a story idea? Want to share news of an upcoming event/training?



Submit your information, suggestions or comments, for inclusion in next month's issue by **October 16, 2009**, to Glenda Terrill at glenda.terrill@ded.mo.gov or call her at (573) 522-8621. You may also fax information to (573) 751-3461.

Questions?

Call our office at (573) 526-8229. We also welcome your ideas for improvement on this and future newsletter submissions.

Thank you!

All information was either provided directly to us or from department websites.

If some of the links are inactive, please copy/paste to your browser to access or contact us for assistance.

Special thanks to everyone submitting information for our first News Update.

About MoWIB.....

The Missouri Workforce Investment Board (MoWIB) sets workforce policy for Missouri's local workforce areas and strengthens ties among state workforce, education and economic development agencies. It advises Missouri's workforce partners in implementing innovative strategies to ensure a prepared workforce for the new economy.

Formerly the Missouri Training and Employment Council, MoWIB is currently a 38-member board, a majority of which represents high level management representatives from Missouri's most progressive and successful companies. The Board meets quarterly and engages the Directors and Commissioners of six state agencies to meet the objective of strengthening Missouri's workforce system.